good estate of the Gospel is safe. The furie of the enemie is such, as they neither care well how nor against whom continually, one thing euer after an other: neither doe they make conscience of any kinde of villanie howsoeuer, if they may conceiue any hope, for to attaine their purpose thereby.

An Antheme.

O Glorious God, respect our song,
And from the heauens bowe downe thine eare:
Graunt that our Queene may prosper long,
And scape the snares her foes deuise,
So shall eche faithfull heart alwayes,
To thee giue honour, laude, and prayse.

O God confound her secret foes,
And let their dayes no longer dure:
Which by proofe and perfite showes,
The perill of our Prince procure.
So shall eche, &c.

O God that giuest both life and death,
And rulest all things at thy will:
Preserue our Queene ELIZABETH,
And let her friends enioy her still,
So shall eche, &c.

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A moſt neceſsary and godly prayer, for the preſeruation of the right honourable the Earle of Leiceſter, Lieuetenant Generall of her Maieſties Armie in the Lowe Countries, and all his faythfull well-wyllers and followers in theſe affayres, that God of hys mercy may proſper them in theſe hys good begunne exployes. Very neceſsarye to bee vſed in thys perrilous tyme, of all her maieſties loſuing ſubiects and well-willers.

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The Prayer.

LOrd Jesus Christ, son of the liuing God, who was crucifyed for our sins, and rose againe for our iustification, and ascending vpp into heauen, sittest nowe at the right hand of the father, with full power and authority, ruling and disposing all things according to thy glorious and gracious purpose. Wee most miserable and sinfull creatures, prostrate our selues and our prayers before thy diuine maiestie, beseeching thy gracious goodnes, according to thy accustomed mercy, to bee mercifull to thy poore Church militant, miserably vexed in this world, by the malice of Sathan and his horde, enemies to all Christian peace and concorde, so that thy little flocke is distressed on euery syde. Notwithstanding, (O mercifull Father) so many strifes and debates of men, among so many brands of discord, tossed to and fro by the deuils, enemies of truth, hauing neither rest without, nor peace within: we humbly confesse, yeelding all thankes

kes vnto thy diuine maiesty, that thys Land of ours, by thy direction from aboue, hath beene so peaceably and quietly gouerned by her maiestie, that it hath beene like a golden Cup in thy gracious hand: for which mercy of thine, as it is more sweete vnto vs then to other our neighbours, so we beseeche thee to stirre vpp our dull mindes, to such thankfulnes and acknowledging of thy mercies, that all the enemies of thy trueth, may still (though with weeping hartes) confesse, because of the continuance of thy goodnes towards vs, that thou hast made Englande a chosen shaft, and put him in thy quiuer. And forasmuch (O Lorde) as this discorde abroad, reacheth almost to the throte of our Church and common weale, and that the enemies O Lord, especially those that haue the marke of Antechrist, seeke to builde like the Mothe in an other mans possession and garment, and seede to swallow vp thy people as a graue. Make O Lorde (we pray thee) a hedge about vs & thy house, and let thy Church be like Salomons bed, about the which there was alwayes a watch, and let the fruite of ꝑ English Church be meate vnto others, and the leafe thereof, medicinable vnto thy afflicted and scattered people. Breake O Lord the Hidra his heades, or strangle him within his Caue that he do no more hurt. And that our prayers may bee more welcome to thy gracious presence, grant vnto vs thy holy spi-

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rite, that euery one of vs may vnfaignedly sor-
row for our sinnes, and confesse the maiesty of
thy word, and our great contempt of thy work-
men, before thou doe seale this great & knowne
summe with some sharp & notable plague. And
forsomuch as thy cause is nowe taken in hande
by our gracious Soueraigne, we beseeche thee
that thou wilt direct and goe before her, and her
noble wise Counseller, the honorable Earle of
Leicester, her highnes Lieuetenant in those
Countries, and grant vnto him so good and ho-
norable victories, as Iosua had against the fyue
Kings, which sought to destroy the Gabaonites,
fyght for him sweete Sautour, as thou dyddest
for Abraham, when he ouercame the four migh-
ty Kings, which conquered the Kinges of the
fiue Citties, & destroyed the men of Sodom and
Gomora: and grant ỳ as Iosua ouercame Ama-
lech that sought to hinder the children, of Israell,
by the prayer of Moses, that our noble Coun-
seller, valiant Souldier, and faithfull seruaunt
to her Maiestie, may preuaile and vanquisshe
thy enemies, which disturbe thy peace, and af-
flicte our poore neighbours of the Lowe coun-
tries, and that through our earnest praiers and
harty teares, which we most humbly and wyth
vnfaigned harts powre forth before thy diuine
maiestie. who seeking not to climbe by pryde
least he should fall, but as a faithfull member of
thy Church, laboureth to defend thy trueth and

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thy glorious Gospell. We confesse O heauenlie Father, all power to come from thy seate, neyther the Trumpets of Rams hornes wherewith Iericho fell, nor Samsons iawe bone, nor Dauids stone, nor the Pitchers of Gedion haue power or strength to preuaile without thee. The voice of the Lord breaketh the Cedars, yea thou O Lord breakest the Cedars of Lebana. Therefore O Lord, take the wicked by the heele, disclose the sugling of that popish vnholye league. Bruse them O Lorde with a Scepter of yron, and breake them in peeces like a Potters vessell, that all thy faithfull Children may confesse and say, the roaring of the Lyon, the voyce of the Lyoneſſe, and ꝑ teeth of the Lyons whelps are broken. Grant also (O Lord) that the souldiers and faithfull followers, of thy religious Captaine, may so behaue themselues in thy fyght, that thou maist haue a pleasure in them because they feare thy name, and fyght thy battaile, send thy holy Angell to pitch his Tent amongst them, and euer mightily defende them. Let them O Lord loue together like Brethren, fight together like Lyons, and not feare to dye together like men. We beseech thee vnite & sanctify them to thee, that they may warre like faithful soldiers on earth, and enioye the peace thou hast prouided for them in this world, and in the world to come, for euer and euer. Amen.

Pſalme. 94.

O Lord God to whom vengance belongeth, thou God to whom vengance belongeth, ſhew thy ſelfe. Lorde howe long ſhall the vngodly, how long ſhall the vngodly triumph? How long ſhall all wicked doers ſpeake ſo diſdainfully, and make ſuch proude boaſting? They ſmite downe thy people O Lord, and trouble thine heritage. They murther the widowes & ſtrangers, and put the fatherleſſe to death. And yet they ſay, tuſh, the Lord ſhall not ſée, neither ſhall the God of Jacob regard it. Take héede ye vnwiſe amongſt the people, O ye fooles, when will you vnderſtande? hee that planted the eare, ſhall he not heare? or he that made the eye, ſhall he not ſée? or he that nourtereth the heathen? It is he that teacheth man knowledge, ſhall he not punith? The Lord knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are but vayne. Bleſſed are they O Lorde whom thou chaſtineſt and teacheſt in thy law, that thou maiſt giue them patience, vntill the pit be digged vp for the vngodly, for the Lord will not fayle his people, neither will he forſake his inheritance, vntill righteouſnes turne againe vnto iudgment, all ſuch as bee true in heart ſhall followe it. Who will ryſe vp with vs againſt the wicked? or who will take our parts againſt the euill doers? If ỹ Lorde had not helped vs, it had not fayled but our ſoules hadde béene put to ſilence. But when we ſayd, our fóote had ſlipped, thy mercy O Lord held vs vp. In the multitude of

our sorrowes that we had in our harts, thy compassion hath refreshed our soules. Wilt thou have any thing to do with the stole of wickednes, which imagineth mischeefe as a law. They gather themselves together against the soules of the righteous, and condemne the innocent blode. But the Lord is our refuge, and our God is the strength of our saluation. Yee shall recompence them their wickednes, and destroy them in theyr owne malice, yea the Lorde our God shall destroy them.

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Glory be to the Father, and to the son, and to the holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning. &c.

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An order of prayer and thankesgiuing, for the preseruation of her Maiestie and the Realme, from the traiterous and bloodie practises of the Pope, and his adherents: to be vsed at times appointed in the Preface.

Ecclesiastes 5.

¶ Keepe thy foote when thou goest to the house of God, and bee more ready to heare, then to offer the sacrifice of fooles: for they know not that they doe euill.

Psalme.

¶ He hath digged a pit, and hollowed it, and is fallen himselfe into the ditch, which he made for other.

Proverbes 21.

¶ There is no wisedome, there is no vnderstanding, there is no counsell against the Lord.
The horse is prepared for the day of battell: but the Lord giueth victorie.

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